

## MONSTER TANKS DO ENORMOUS DAMAGE TO DISMAYED TEUTONS

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vention of Motor Fighters

## DOWNGRADES HALT BRITISH OPERATIONS

Allies Inflict Terrible Punishment on Foes  
Along All Fronts and Serbs Reach  
Their Native Soil

By United Press.

London, Sept. 19.—Great battles between whole fleets of land dreadnaughts may result from the introduction of new motor car construction into the Somme fighting, a British correspondent of the London Times at headquarters suggests.

"In one hour," the correspondent wired, "the tanks did more military service and killed more soldiers than all the Zeppelins have ever done. They may, before the war is over, govern the fighting and all the allies may build other monsters, each bigger and more horrible, until there will be land battles in which whole fleets of dreadnaughts are engaged."

Only One Tank Destroyed.

Only one tank was destroyed in the Somme fighting. One monster lies with its nose in the earth between the opposing lines in the Boutaux woods, but the manner of its destruction has not been revealed.

A steady downpour has halted British operations along the Somme where important fighting has taken place since yesterday.

Serbs in Native Land.

The Serbs are again fighting on their native soil for the first time since their retreat through Albania last winter. They have captured the Serbo heights, Kanak and Chaban from the Bulgars, crossing the Serbo-Greek frontier north of Lake Ostrovo.

Russians Fight Hard.

The French and Russians have also crossed the Serbian frontier and are engaging the Bulgars near Konak. Practically all territory which was conquered by the Bulgarian right wing in the recent invasion of Greece has been reconquered.

By United Press.

Paris, Sept. 19.—The Germans made five violent attacks on the Champagne front last night and attempted a bold stroke at Dead Man's Hill northwest of Verdun. All were repulsed. The Russians are doing good work in the Champagne country.

Bad weather hinders the Somme operations.

Dutch Armed Neutrality.

By United Press.

The Hague, Sept. 19.—Queen Wilhelmina, on the opening of parliament, says important steps are being taken to strengthen the Dutch forces in order to resist any attack upon the neutrality of Holland. This is a warning to belligerents on both sides.

British Steamers Sunk.

By United Press.

London, Sept. 19.—The British steamers Dewa and Lord Tredegar were sunk last night.

"Tanks" Adapted from Farm Plow

Washington, Sept. 19.—The British "tanks," the armored motor cars used in recent assault on German trenches in northern France so successfully as to attract world-wide attention, were built for the most part, in Peoria, Ill., in the form of caterpillar tractors, designed many years before the war began to meet some of the difficult problems of modern farming. Except for their armor, their machine guns and their crews, thousands like them are in use today in the United States in plowing, digging ditches and other labor less heroic than war.

M. M. Baker, vice president of a manufacturing company, said here today:

"We have sold about 1,000 caterpillar tractors to the British government. We have had nothing to do with putting armor on them or placing machine guns.

"Germany had some of these tractors before the war began, and it

though I do not understand just how it occurred, I believe she may have got others since then. We have sent some to France and some to Russia. So far as I know up until the recent appearance of the motor-cars the tractors were used only to tow big guns. I understood that Germany had used about forty of them in this work before Liege early in the war and recent photographs show that the British are using some of them now for the same purpose."

Mr. Baker said he did not know how many of the 1,000 tractors sent to England had been armored and put in service.

"It is true," said Mr. Baker, "that these tractors can go ahead over almost anything or through almost anything. They can straddle a trench, go through a swamp, roll over logs or climb through shell craters like a car or juggernaut. It looks uncanny to see them crawl along the ground just like a huge caterpillar. In a thick forest if they encountered trees they could not brush out of their way, they could easily be used to uproot them and clear their own way."

## BICYCLIST AGED 62 MAKES LONG JOURNEY

Taking a breath at Chickasha on the home stretch, Emile Leully, a florist of New York City, aged 62, told a representative of the Chickasha Express the tale of a long overland journey which few men of his age would have undertaken.

The visitor left New York City on July 7 on a bicycle to attend a florists convention at Houston. He traveled the 2,400 miles in thirty-eight days and then started on a 150-mile tour of the Lone Star state, concluding this he is now on his return home and will reach Oklahoma City some time today.

On his long trip he has taken advantage of hotels when such were convenient but often he has had to sleep out under the blue or gray or threatening sky. He recognizes nothing as an obstacle on his journey and wades streams as he comes to them or takes his wheel to the other bank in some other manner. He was wearing the same trousers, hat and shoes today with which he started from home two months ago. He is a member of the Century Bicycle club of New York City.

## POLICE FINES PAY DEPARTMENT COST

That the police fines during the past two months have been paying the cost of maintaining the police department and leaving a neat balance was the statement made this morning by Mayor Coffman.

"Last month the fines paid in paid all the expenses of the department and there was a surplus of about \$150. So far this month I hold treasurer's receipts to the amount of \$195 and have \$50 more to turn in, a total of \$245 already this month against an expense of about \$200."

## HOLDS LIQUOR FOR CONSIGNEE

Deputy United States Marshal Jim Dillon is holding a barrel of beer and a barrel of whiskey in trust at his office in the federal building. That is he is waiting for the owner to call for and sign for this lot which was seized at Verdun in the course of an inspection that was made by United States Commissioner Hamilton and himself yesterday. Word was left with the Verdun agent at the time of the seizure that the goods could be secured by signing for them in Chickasha, the consignee it is said, being under suspicion of being a bootlegger on account of the quantity involved.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

Tonight and Wednesday.

fair.

Local Temperature.

Maximum, 85; minimum, 54.

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## PAY MUTE TRIBUTE TO BEREAVED

Thousands Stand With Bared Heads and  
Silent as President's Train Leaves  
Station After Funeral

## SHADOW LAWN TO BE SITE FOR "OPEN HOUSE"

President Wilson's Summer House Will  
Be the Scene of Great Political  
Activity

By United Press.

Aboard President's Special, Washington, Sept. 19.—There will be more political noise at Shadow Lawn, President Wilson's summer home, from now on.

It is learned that the president plans several "open house" days for women suffrage workers, numerous porch speeches and an occasional rally in the surrounding states during the campaign.

Wilson's first political porch speech will be made Saturday when he will deliver an address to the Business Men's League of Trenton. He goes to Baltimore Monday to address the National Grain Dealers' association.

Leaving Columbia, South Carolina, after the burial of his sister, the president was accorded a remarkable tribute by thousands. As the train pulled out of the station, the men in the vast crowd removed their hats and the women stood silent. On entering his car the president said, "That was splendid."

## KILLED BY TRAIN; IS BURIED HERE

Brief services for A. W. Webb, who was killed in the Santa Fe yards in Oklahoma City Saturday, were held at the L. O. O. F. cemetery yesterday, being conducted by Rev. J. M. Hinds. Mr. Webb, who until the past few months was a resident of this city, was struck by a swift engine which came up behind him, and died about thirty minutes later. An explanation of the accident is given in the fact that trains were being switched on parallel tracks, and he was engaged in watching the train of the other track and did not notice the engine which was behind him.

The deceased leaves a wife and three children. An eight-year-old daughter died in Chickasha last January and he was laid to rest beside her. When Mr. Webb lived in this city he was employed by the Chickasha Cotton Oil company and resided at 622 North Seventh.

## DIMMING LAW IS UP TO SAMMY

Sammy's estimate of the brilliance of auto lights as well as his speedometer are the last word in traffic law. That is the dictum of Mayor Coffman. If Sammy says the lights are too bright they are too bright. If Sammy says they must be dimmed that is what goes. But the traffic officer has been cautioned to exercise his usual discretion and it is not the purpose of the administration to impose a hardship on auto owners or to deprive them of any of the legitimate joys of life.

"The motor officer will see that the lights are dimmed within the city limits. He will use his own judgment as to whether a certain light is too bright as construed by the law which went into effect last Friday. If he considers it an infraction of the ordinance he will not be harsh in any case and he does not regard this law as solely a possible revenue getter. When Sammy tells the driver of an automobile to dim his lights of course it will be to the advantage of such driver to do so."

Miss Sara Crofford left this afternoon for Duncan, Okla., where she will spend several days with friends.

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS VOTE ON LEVIES

The county excise board met yesterday afternoon and canvassed the election returns from the various school districts which were obliged to vote on an excess of five mills in order to meet their estimates of expenses for the coming year.

In the following school districts the elections for a levy in excess of the five mills that the excise board is allowed to make by law, carried:

District No. 4 voted 3 mills; No. 14 voted 1 mill; No. 45 voted 3 mills; No. 67 voted 2 mills; No. 74 voted 6 mills.

No election was held in district No. 85.

In district No. 20 there are sixty voters but none were present at the meeting.

The special levy was voted down in the following districts: Nos. 10, 17, 65, 72, 79 and 80.

Minco City had asked for \$5330. The board found that it would take 9 mills extra to get the money. The Minco people turned the election down with the result that the board gave to Minco \$3192 on a four mill levy.

## BOY FACES TWO BAD CHARGES

Ed Dillard, a 17-year-old boy of Alex, was brought in yesterday afternoon from that place after having a preliminary hearing before the local justice of the peace. He faces a double charge, that of housebreaking near Alex and of stealing a six shooter from D. Arthur Wilson living near that place. He confessed to the theft of the weapon and, giving the address of the pawnshop in Chickasha where he had disposed of it, the pistol was recovered. Dillard lives near Ireton.

## TRYING TO STOP STRIKE

Mayor Mitchell and Public Service Chairman Try to Hold 500,000 Down  
to Their Jobs

By United Press.

New York, Sept. 19.—Mayor Mitchell and Oscar Strauss, chairman of the public service commission, were to hold the first of a series of conferences today with a committee of the chamber of commerce and the Merchants association in an effort to avert the threatened sympathetic strike of a half million workers.

## WILLARD GIVES BOND

W. A. Worley, deputy United States marshal at Duncan, brought John Willard, a federal prisoner, to Chickasha last night. He gave bail for his appearance before J. Hamilton, United States commissioner, on the 26th.

Deputy Worley was a witness this morning before the U. S. commissioner in the case of the United States vs. R. Curtis French, who was arrested last Saturday. Forty-two quarts of whiskey were found under the floor in French's place of business on Chickasha avenue.

## PREDICTS 18-CENT COTTON

By United Press.

Waco, Tex., Sept. 19.—Charles Owsley of the extension department of the Texas Bankers association, today predicted eighteen cent cotton before the end of the season.

## PLAN FOR \$60,000.00 FAIR BONDS

Permanent Fair is Cry of Those Who See  
Possibilities in Grady County  
Annual Meets

## PUT MATTER UP TO CO. COMMISSIONERS

Petitions are Being Signed Asking for  
Vote Call by County Commissioner  
on Big Bond Issue

A \$60,000 bond issue by Grady county for the purpose of establishing a permanent fair and fair grounds is the ambition of those who can look into the future and see the possibilities of maintaining a fair that will make Grady county famous.

Acting upon the conclusion reached that such a step would be feasible, business men placed in circulation at the fair grounds on Saturday four copies of a petition which was freely signed. Since then the lists have lengthened until now they carry the names of many scores of voters whose appeal will doubtless be irresistible. The petitions, copies of which are now at Shavano Springs, ask the county commissioners to call for a vote on a \$60,000 bond issue for the purpose of establishing a permanent fair grounds. That it will carry is the popular opinion in view of the unprecedented success of the fair just ended and the encouragement which was given a year ago.

## JACK EXHIBIT OF SUPERIOR CLASS

Of the genuine registered stock exhibited at the Grady County Fair none was of purer strain, perhaps, than the horse, Jack and Jennet exhibit of W. E. Smith, president of the fair association and prominent prize winner at the big fairs of Dallas, Texas, and Oklahoma. In the carload of stock which he has sent to the state fair at Oklahoma are animals which must win recognition. Among his prize winners at Chickasha were the following:

Baron Elora, one of the handsomest stallions ever seen in this state, took the ribbon as the champion stud of any breed or age at the show here as he has done at other places.

Of the Jacks and Jennets Mary Green, which captured the blue ribbon as the grand champion mare at Dallas in 1915, carried off the same honors in Chickasha last week. Miss Temple, who was first in her class at the Dallas State Fair in 1915 and was the source of great admiration here, where she was a blue ribbon winner, weighs 1310 pounds and stands 16 1/4 hands high. Mary Green is one of the prides of the Union Hill farm.

The renowned fine stock authority, Frank B. Graham, who judged at San Francisco and other big fairs, said of Mary Green before the Jack association at the Dallas fair that she was the best Jennet in the world. The colt was sired by Highball, the highest priced Jack in the world, who was shown against 300 head and was never defeated, and was foaled by Vera McWhorter, another famous animal. The Smith entry took the grand champion prize at the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth.

Mr. Smith took more ribbons last year than any Jack breeder in the state and is not lagging in 1916.

## COTTON REPORT FOR GRADY COUNTY RECEIVED

C. C. Goetting, government cotton reporter for Grady county, has received from the census bureau confirmation of his figures showing that 23 bales were ginned in this county prior to September 1. Before the same date last year, no ginnings at all were reported. "It is probable that the next report will show heavy ginnings," said Mr. Goetting. "The indications are that the greater part of the crop will be picked during the next sixty days." Mr. Goetting requests all county papers to copy his report.

## COUNTY FAIR PREMIUMS

The following awards were made in the culinary department at the Grady County Fair last week:

Culinary Department.

Best loaf wheat bread—Mrs. John Quinn, 1st; Mrs. B. M. Palmer, 2nd; Mrs. Tom Peery, 3rd.

Best loaf graham bread—Inez Lester, 1st; Mrs. E. L. Persons, 2nd.

Small pan rolls—Mrs. Wessie Ray, 1st; Mrs. G. A. Brown, 2nd; Mrs. Elmer Stone, 3rd.

Girls' division, 12 biscuits—Alice Persons, 1st.

Twelve Doughnuts—Mrs. DuBose, 1st.

Devil's food cake—Mrs. Tom Peery, 1st; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 2nd.

White cake, layer—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st; Mrs. Will White, 2nd; Mrs. Wessie Ray, 3rd.

Canned apples—Mrs. S. A. Hefner, 1st; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 2nd; Zeina Morris, 3rd.

Canned plums—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st; Mrs. Jno. W. McGee, 2nd.

Canned peaches—Mrs. W. J. Rodkey, 1st; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 2nd; Mrs. E. L. Persons, 3rd.

Canned cherries—Mrs. S. A. Hefner, 1st; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 2nd; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 3rd.

Canned pears—Mrs. T. H. Williams, 1st.

Canned blackberries—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st; Mrs. John McGee, 2nd.

Canned tomatoes—Mrs. Allen Jewett, 2nd; Mrs. Will White, 3rd.

Canned beans—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st; J. W. A. Thomas, 2nd.

Canned Blackberries—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st; Mrs. Jno. McGee, 2nd.

Best collection of fruit, 6 jars—Mrs. Jno. McGee, 2nd.

Canned apples—Zeina Morris, 1st; Mrs. Jno. McGee, 2nd.

Canned peas—Mrs. E. L. Persons, 1st.

Best collection of vegetables, 6 jars—Mrs. S. A. Hefner, 1st; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 2nd.

Best collection of fruit, 6 jars—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st.

Best collection of jellies, 6 varieties—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st.

327—Mrs. E. L. Persons, 1st; Mrs. S. A. Hefner, 2nd; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 3rd.

Plum jelly—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st; Mrs. Frank Hard, 2nd; Mrs. W. J. Rodkey, 3rd.

Grape jelly—Mrs. E. L. Persons, 1st; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 2nd; Mrs. S. A. Hefner, 3rd.

Blackberry jelly—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st.

Crabapple jelly—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st.

Apple jelly—Mrs. J. F. Alexander, 2nd.

Pear preserves—Alice Persons, 1st; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 2nd; Eleanor Laidemilk, 3rd.

Peach preserves—Mrs. John McGee, 1st; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 3rd.

Plum preserves—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st; Mrs. Jno. McGee, 2nd.

Watermelon preserves—Mrs. Lizette Lester, 1st; Mrs. S. A. Hefner, 2nd; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 3rd.

Cherry jam—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 2nd.

Apple butter—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st; Mrs. S. A. Hefner, 2nd.

343—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st; Mrs. L. A. Lauder milk, 2nd; Mrs. Allen Jewett, 3rd.

Sweet pickled watermelon—Mrs. S. A. Hefner, 1st; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 2nd.

Sweet pickled cucumbers—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st; J. W. A. Thomas, 2nd; Mrs. S. A. Hefner, 3rd.

Spiced crabapples—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st.

Mixed pickles—Mrs. S. A. Hefner, 1st; Zeina Morris, 2nd.

Pickled beets—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st; Mrs. L. A. Lauder milk, 2nd.

Best pound butter—Mrs. Elmer Stone, 1st; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 2nd.

Best pound cottage cheese—Mrs. Wm. W. Anderson, 1st; Mrs. Elmer Stone, 2nd.

Apple jelly, one glass—Alice Persons, 1st.

Grape jelly, one glass—Alice Persons, 1st; Zeina Morris, 2nd.

Peach preserves—Eleanor Lauder milk, 1st.

Canned peaches, 1 quart—Alice Persons, 1st; Ruth Rodkey, 2nd; Doris Hefner, 3rd.

Canned tomatoes, 1 quart—Doris Hefner, 1st; Mary Morris, 2nd.

Plum preserves—Zeina Morris, 1st.

Blackberry jam—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st; Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 2nd.

Strawberry preserves—Mrs. B. B. Bridges, 1st; Mrs. Jno. McGee, 2nd.

Best dozen eggs—Mrs. Will White,

## VILLA FLEES WITH MUCH WAR BOOTY

Heads Flight of Six Automobile Loads of  
Ammunition and 1,000 Carranza  
Deserters to Mountains

## CHIHUAHUA FORCE ABANDONS CHASE

New Troops From South, However, are  
Taking Up Trail and Gen. Gonzalez  
Reinforces Juarez Garrison

By United Press.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 19.—Villal is reported to be fleeing into the Santa Clara canyon with six automobile loads of ammunition which he captured from the Chihuahua City arsenal and with over one thousand recruits from the Carranza ranks.

The Carranzistas from Chihuahua City are reported to have abandoned the chase of Villa but new troops from southern points are being rushed to take up the trail.

General Gonzalez has reinforced the Juarez garrison, admitting fear that Villa may attack the border city.

## PROBE ANTHRACITE TRUST

By United Press.

Washington, Sept. 19.—Declaring the combination to be the backbone of the alleged anthracite monopoly the government today filed a brief in the supreme court asking for the separation of the Reading company, the Philadelphia & Reading railway, the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron company and others. Violation of the trust law is heard.

## MAY RELEASE BLACKMAILERS

By United Press.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—Federal officers today admit that four of the prisoners who are being held here in connection with the international blackmailing syndicate may be released owing to lack of evidence. These are James Christian, James Bland, Mrs. Edward Donahue and Mrs. Frances Allen.

## LOWEST MORTALITY RATE

By United Press.

Washington, Sept. 19.—Only 12.3 persons out of every thousand died in this country in 1915 according to the census bureau. This is the lowest mortality rate ever recorded. The decrease since 1905 was 16.7 per cent.

## SACRAMENTAL WINES EXEMPT

Deputy United States Marshal Jim Dillon has received the following notice from headquarters of the United States Indian service, department of the interior, at Denver:

Department of the Interior, United States Indian Service, Denver, Colo., Sept. 12, 1916.—To all Officers: Your attention is invited to that portion of the Act of August 24, 1912, which is found on Page 11 of the Instructions to Special Officers and Deputies, and which reads as follows:

"Provided that hereafter it shall not be unlawful to introduce and use wines solely for sacramental purposes, under church authority, at any place within the Indian country or any Indian reservation, including the Pueblo reservation in New Mexico."

You will note by the wording of this that it removes all restrictions from wines introduced under church authority for sacramental purposes. Such introductions are clearly within the law and must not be molested in any way.

Please acknowledge receipt of this circular.

HENRY A. LARSON,  
Chief Special Officer.

## ROCK ISLAND BRINGS RED CROSS CAR

The Rock Island has arranged to bring in Red Cross car No. 1 to Chickasha tomorrow, arriving here at 1:35 p. m., with demonstrations at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m., and 9 a. m. on the following morning.

1st, George H. Rodkey, 2nd, Mrs. Elmer Stone, 3rd.